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SUBJECT: GDR MEDIA TREATMENT OF WORLD CONFERENCE TO  
COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

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1. CHIEF OF STATE AND PARTY LEADER ERICH HONECKER  
HAS SENT A MESSAGE OF GREETINGS AND GOOD WILL TO THE  
WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM ON ITS OPENING DAY  
EXPRESSING SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLES OF SOUTHERN  
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AFRICA AND WITH THE PEOPLE OF PALESTINE AND SUPPORT  
FOR THEIR ASPIRATIONS FOR FULL FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE  
IN A NATIONAL STATE.

2. THE GDR MEDIA HAVE GIVEN FAIRLY EXTENSIVE TREAT-  
MENT TO THE GENEVA CONFERENCE INCLUDING  
REPORTING ON THE DECISION BY THE US, GONG WITH THE

FRG, THE UK AND FRANCE, NOT TO ATTEND. THE PRESS ARTICLES SUGGEST THAT THE BASIS FOR THIS DECISION WAS AN OBJECTION TO BREAKING ECONOMIC AND MILITARY TIES WITH THE "MINORITY REGIMES" IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. IT IS ALSO SUGGESTED THAT THESE COUNTRIES OBJECTED TO CONSIDERATION AT THE CONFERENCE OF THE QUESTION OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST GUEST AND TRANSIENT WORKERS IN WESTERN INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES. THE US AND ISRAELI GOVERNMENTS ARE SAID TO HAVE REFUSED TO PARTICIPATE BECAUSE OF THE STRONG CRITICISM OF THE "POLITICAL AND SOCIAL DISCRIMINATION" AGAINST ETHNIC MINORITIES (I.E. ARABS) IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. THE NEWS REPORTS ALLUDE BRIEFLY TO THE "OFFICIAL" REASON FOR NON-PARTICIPATION, I.E. THE EQUATION OF ZIONISM WITH RACISM.

3. COMMENT: HONECKER'S MESSAGE TO THE CONFERENCE MADE NO REFERENCE TO THE ZIONISM-RACISM LINKAGE AND WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT THE GDR DELEGATION IN GENEVA WILL FOCUS ON RACISM IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. BOLEN

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